



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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PROVIDER NETWORK MANAGEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Behavioral Health Providers

FROM: Judy O. Feimster, Director
Office of Provider Network Management

SUBJECT: Provider Applications for Behavioral Health Services

Effective immediately, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), will only accept and review applications for behavioral health services for which there is a documented need for the service in the geographic area to be served. This criterion will be considered in addition to the other criteria defined below.

1. Providers must be in business for one year delivering behavioral health services (not necessarily through DBHDD).
2. The provider must be currently accredited for community behavioral health services by one of the four accrediting bodies accepted by DBHDD. (TJC, CARF, COA and CQL)
3. Current DBHDD approved providers must have at least two APS audits with the two most recent scores resulting in at least 70%.

Exceptions to these criteria may be made based on the confirmation that the provider meets one of the following:

- I. Providers who are doing work with the DBHDD to transition high acuity consumers from institutions to communities, or
- II. Providers who are establishing a site which supports a specific individual who is moving from an institution

Staff from the Divisions of Mental Health and Addictive Diseases will be working with the staff of the Office of Provider Network Management to create a new application and submission process for behavioral health providers. It is anticipated that these new processes will be available and posted July 1, 2010.

NOTE: All applications postmarked on or prior to this effective date, February 25, 2010, will continue to be reviewed.

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